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VIA HAND DELIVERY

David Waddell, Executive Secretary
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Re: *Petition for Arbitration of the Interconnection Agreement Between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and NOW Communications, Inc. Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 00-00141

Dear Mr. Waddell:

On May 3, 2000, BellSouth submitted copies of a recent Recommendation submitted to the Louisiana Public Service Commission by one of its Staff attorneys. In that Recommendation, the Staff attorney rejected NOW's argument that BellSouth's Petition for Arbitration was untimely. Since that time, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommendation contrary to the Staff recommendation. Yesterday, the Louisiana Public Service Commission voted unanimously to return the case to the Administrative Law Judge to be arbitrated, thereby overruling the NOW Communications Motion to Dismiss (Docket No. U-24762). BellSouth will submit copies of the transcript and Order from the Louisiana Commission as soon as they are available. Copies of this letter are being provided to counsel for NOW Communications.

Very truly yours,

Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

cc: Hon. Richard Collier, Hearing Officer

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